

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method of brewing malt beverages comprising:

preparing a hot wort, the hot wort having a temperature of at least 170°F;

putting wood chips in a porous container;

adding the container with the wood chips to the hot wort;

cooling the hot wort; and

fermenting the cooled wort to produce a fermented malt beverage.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the container with the wood chips [[are]] is added to the hot wort in a brew kettle.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the container with the wood chips [[are]] is removed from the wort before the fermentation step.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the container with the wood chips [[are]] is removed after the fermentation step.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the wood chips are oak.

Claim 6 (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the oak is American oak.

Claim 7 (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the oak is French oak.

Claim 8 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wood chips are toasted.

Claim 9 (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the oak chips are toasted.

Claims 10-30. (Cancelled)

Claim 31 (Currently Amended) A method of brewing malt beverages comprising:

preparing a hot wort;

putting wood chips in a porous container;

adding the container with the wood chips to the hot wort in a brew kettle;

cooling the hot wort;

removing the container with the wood chips from the wort along with trub; and

fermenting the cooled wort to produce a fermented malt beverage.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the wood chips are oak.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the oak is American oak.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the oak is French oak.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the wood chips are toasted.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the oak chips are toasted.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended) A method of brewing malt beverages comprising:

preparing a hot wort;
putting wood chips in a porous container;
adding the container with the wood chips to the hot wort in a brew kettle;
cooling the hot wort;
fermenting the cooled wort to produce a fermented malt beverage
wherein the container with the wood chips [[are]] is removed after the
fermentation step.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the wood chips are oak.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oak is American oak.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oak is French oak.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the wood chips are toasted.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oak chips are toasted.